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### MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 2nd January 1961

**SUBJECT:—Import of goods as personal baggage under the Baggage Rules.**

No. 1-ITC(PN)/61.—Attention is invited to the Central Board of Revenue Notification No. 122 dated the 19th November, 1960 in which the baggage rules for import of goods by passengers from foreign ports other than those in Portuguese Possessions in India or in Ceylon or Pakistan have been announced.

2. Under Rule 5 of the said Baggage Rules, a passenger may be allowed to import free of duty at the discretion of the Customs Collector, such articles as could reasonably be treated as baggage or are of a kind normally used for making gifts or as souvenirs, upto a value depending upon his stay abroad subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,000/- in all. The said Rule 5 further lays down that the passenger shall not be permitted under the rule to import without payment of duty a large number of the same type of article even though their total value may be within the free allowance or to import any individual article of a value exceeding Rs. 75/-. Individual articles of *bonafide* baggage whose value may exceed Rs. 75/- will also be allowed clearance without an import licence subject to payment of customs duties provided they fall within the monetary limits applicable in the case of the passenger concerned.

3. It has now been decided that passengers who stay out of India continuously for 9 months or more may be allowed to import goods upto an *additional* value of Rs. 500/- provided those articles are *bonafide* baggage and of the type mentioned in Rule 5 of the said Baggage Rules without an import licence but on payment of customs duties.

4. The clearance of one dog, pet animals and birds in a limited number may be allowed without Import Trade Control restrictions on furnishing the following health certificates to the Customs authorities:—

- (i) A health certificate from the Government empowered Veterinary Officer of the country of export to the effect that the dog etc., to be imported is free from Aujassky's disease and Deptsopire Interohaemorrhagice Infection.
- (ii) A certificate from the Government empowered Veterinary Officer of the country of export stating the dog etc., was subjected to tuberculin test with a negative result.

5. The certificates referred to above should be granted within 30 days prior to the date of embarkation of the dog etc.

6. Public Notice No. 83-ITC(PN)/58 of 15th October, 1958 is hereby cancelled.

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